

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-12 (canceled)

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Claim 13. (new) An image communication apparatus connected with a receiving facsimile via a server apparatus on the Internet, the image communication apparatus comprising;

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a communicator configured to communicate with a first server apparatus and a second server apparatus via the Internet;

a controller, when the first server apparatus is determined not to store the capabilities of the receiving facsimile, is configured to obtain, from the second server apparatus, capabilities regarding facsimile data that the receiving facsimile can receive, and to store the obtained capabilities of the receiving facsimile in the first server apparatus,.

Claim 14. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the first server apparatus is a local server apparatus in a local area network containing the image communication apparatus, and the second server apparatus is a global server apparatus in a global area network connected with the local area network .

Claim 15. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the second server apparatus is a DNS server apparatus that stores the capabilities of the receiving facsimile in associated with an e-mail address of the receiving facsimile.

Claim 16. (claim) A server apparatus connected with a transmitting facsimile and a receiving facsimile via the Internet, the server apparatus comprising;

a memory configured to store capabilities regarding facsimile data that the receiving facsimile can receive;

a controller configured to obtain the capabilities of the receiving facsimile from another server apparatus that stores the capabilities of the receiving facsimile, when the capabilities of the receiving facsimile are not stored in the memory and when the transmitting facsimile inquires regarding the capabilities of the receiving facsimile.

Claim 17. (new) The server apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the controller obtains the capabilities of the receiving facsimile from a further server apparatus, when the another server apparatus does not store the capabilities of the receiving facsimile.

Claim 18. (new) A capability exchanging method for controlling a image communication apparatus connected with a first server apparatus and a second server apparatus via the Internet, at least one of the first server apparatus and the second server apparatus storing information regarding facsimile data that a receiving facsimile is capable of receiving, the capability exchanging method comprising ;

obtaining, from the second server apparatus, information regarding facsimile data that the receiving facsimile is capable of receiving;

storing the information regarding the capabilities of the receiving facsimile in the first server apparatus, when the first server apparatus is determined not to store the information regarding the capabilities of the receiving facsimile.